

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph on page 2, beginning at line 18 as follows:

The improvement according to this invention is in that the fibrous nonwoven sheet is a plurality of thermoplastic synthetic resin fibers and having a given thickness, the toner [[has]] having an outer layer slightly permeating the fibrous nonwoven sheet through its surface and deposited around fibers lying in a vicinity of the surface of the fibrous nonwoven sheet and an inner layer deposited around fibers immediately underlying the surface and respective pairs of adjacent portions of the toner being not mingled together and present on the fibrous nonwoven sheet in the form of a plurality of independent dots.

Please amend the paragraph on page 3, beginning at line 9 as follows:

The outer layer exposed on the surface of the fibrous nonwoven sheet has a surface area in a range of ~~10 ~ 100 μ m~~ 10 ~ 100 μ m².

Please amend the paragraph on page 5, beginning at line 12 as follows:

It is also possible to use a composite [[a]] nonwoven fabric consisting of a melt blown nonwoven fabric having a high water-resistance and two layers of a spun bond nonwoven fabric having high strength and flexibility sandwiching the melt blown nonwoven fabric.

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, beginning at line 22 as follows:

The outer layer 4a of the toner 4 has a thickness dimension in a range of 1 ~ 100 μ m. Strictly to describe, the outer layer 4a has its thickness dimension L1 in a range of 1 ~ 10 μ m. In the case of the outer layer 4a having its thickness dimension L1 less than 1 μ m, a desired diffused reflection of light on this outer layer 4a would become difficult and the color tone of the outer layer 4a would largely depend on the angle of sight. Variation of the color tone in the outer layer 4a may blur the surface color based on the diffused reflection of the light on the surface of the

nonwoven fabric 2 and may lead to a corresponding indistinctness of the pattern 3. In the case of the outer layer 4a having its thickness dimension L1 exceeding 100 μ m, the outer layer 4a of the toner 4 would be readily collapsed depending on a fastness of the toner 4 and, if collapsed, the diffused reflection of the light in the outer layer 4a would become difficult. Like the case in which the outer layer 4a has its thickness dimension L1 less than 1 μ m.

Please amend the paragraph on page 10, beginning at line 14 as follows:

The step of transfer comprises a step of transferring the visible image formed by the toner 4 to the fibrous nonwoven sheet 1 using a transfer roll 15 normally in contact with the peripheral surface of the photosensitive drum 11. ~~[[Am]]~~ An example of this step is a so-called electrostatic transfer process, in which the fibrous nonwoven sheet 1 is electrified with the positive charge opposite to that of the toner 4 and the toner 4 is transferred from the peripheral surface of the transfer roll 15 to the fibrous nonwoven sheet 1. An impression drum 16 underlies the transfer roll 15 so that the impression drum 16 may press the fibrous nonwoven sheet 1 against the peripheral surface of the transfer roll 14.

Please amend the paragraph on page 13, beginning at line 14 as follows:

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a package ~~[[30]]~~ 31 using the nonwoven fabric 2 printed with the pattern 3 by the electrophotographic process. The package 30 has its side faces printed with the same patterns 3 as in the diaper 20 of Fig. 5. A plurality of the folded diapers 20 are packed within the package 30.

Please amend the paragraph on page 14, beginning at line 10 as follows:

In the sheet member according to this invention, the outer layer of the toner 4 has its thickness dimension in a range of 1 ~ 100 μ m and has its surface area exposed on the surface of the nonwoven fabric in a range of 10 ~ 100 μ m². With such dimensioning, the desired diffused reflection of the light is ensured in the outer layer and the color tone in this outer layer is

substantially free from any remarkable affection of a variation in the angle of sight. Additionally, the total thickness dimension of the toner inclusive of the outer and inner layers is 10 μ m or larger and less than the thickness of the nonwoven fabric itself. With such dimensioning, the desired diffused reflection of the light is ensured in the inner layer and the color tone is substantially not affected by a variation in the angle of sight. In this manner, the sheet member according to this invention allows the ~~patter~~ pattern to maintain its distinctness independently of a variation in the angle of sight.